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comprises all information pertaining to each time the meta-document is processed by an application program being executed by the data processing system during the entire life of the meta-document; and wherein the metadata comprises all associated metadata pertaining to each time the meta-document is processed by an application program being executed by the data processing system during the entire life of the meta-document;

a processor for executing an application program for processing the meta-document; and
a plurality of sources, each source located at a different location,

~~wherein the meta document comprises an object conveying document information, processing information, wherein the processing information comprises information pertaining to processing of the meta document, and metadata for indexing and retrieving the processing information, wherein each time the meta document is processed during its entire lifetime, processing information pertaining thereto and associated metadata is stored on the meta document; and~~

wherein each time the meta-document is received by a source, processing information and its associated metadata is parsed and extracted from the meta-document at the source; and

processing information pertaining to transmitting the meta-document to the source and parsing at the source and associated metadata stored on the meta-document.

12. (Original) The system of claim 11, wherein processing information comprises information pertaining to transformation of the document information.

13. (Original) The system of claim 11, wherein the processing information comprises a user comment to the document information.

14. (Original) The system of claim 11, wherein the processing information comprises information pertaining to distribution of the meta-document.

15. (Original) The system of claim 11, wherein the meta-document further comprises a tool, embedded on the object, responsive to a processing of the meta-document, for

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generating and storing processing information and associated metadata on the meta-document.

16. (Original) The system of claim 11, wherein a source further comprises a tool, responsive to a processing of the meta-document, for generating and storing processing information and associated metadata on the meta-document.